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There is no happiness in the world into which love does not enter; but love is the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition.—Alexander Smith.

MIXING POLITICS AND IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

Politics and the Oahu Central Improvement committee matters have not been mixed in the past and should not be. The splendid success of the central committee has been due in a very large part to the activity and ability of the Kaimuki members. It will be a matter of much regret if the Kaimuki club withdraws from the central committee, for there is no questioning that political differences are back of the split. Honolulu's progress is dependent on the co-operation of citizens in civic affairs, and the central committee has been the focus of a healthy spirit of this kind. Kaimuki can well afford to put aside political animosities absolutely and continue its bigger, broader work of planning a bigger and better Honolulu. The action of last night should be reconsidered.

CHARACTERISTICALLY CARTER!

Ex-Governor Carter's interesting but inaccurate statement published in a San Francisco paper and reproduced in another column of today's issue will not be received with much weight by those in Hawaii who know his political leanings and the extent to which his political affiliations prejudice his explosive utterances.

Mr. Carter tells the San Francisco public that the press of Honolulu has concealed the truth about the Bull Moose movement. He talks of the "strict censorship of the Associated Press" published here. This is the kind of reckless and absurd misstatement that the STAR-BULLETIN does not propose to allow to go unchallenged.

So far as this paper is concerned, it has printed all the news sent by Associated Press. It has never suppressed a line of cabled news, whether such news favored Taft or Roosevelt or Wilson. Its own Washington correspondent has repeatedly written lengthy articles upon the seriousness of the split in the Republican party and the strength of the Bull Moose movement, and these articles have been published.

The STAR-BULLETIN believes Mr. Roosevelt's present campaign is a good example of opportunism, and has so stated editorially on a number of occasions. But the fact that this paper does not agree with all of Roosevelt's methods has not prevented the STAR-BULLETIN from expressing admiration for his courage and political sagacity.

One of Mr. Carter's favorite allegations, during the time when he fondly imagined Bull Moosism sweeping into Hawaii this fall, was to tell people that the local press would not give Roosevelt a square deal. At one time Mr. Carter issued in pamphlet form an extract from an article in the New York Evening Mail, the only big New York paper which favored Roosevelt. This article was an attack on Taft and the first Chicago convention. Over his own signature, Mr. Carter wrote, as he sent these pamphlets out: "Our papers don't care to publish extracts like this." As a matter of fact, he had never offered this extract to the editor of the STAR-BULLETIN for publication, and his assertion was as irresponsible as the interview he gave out in San Francisco the other day.

The STAR-BULLETIN respects those qualities of energy, enthusiasm and self-confidence with which Mr. Carter is endowed perhaps as liberally as his distinguished chief. We recognize also that Mr. Carter must have had some of that confidence a trifle shaken when his Bull Moose movement here flashed in the pan so quickly. Perhaps, on the whole, his San Francisco interview was as good an outlet for his injured feelings as could be found, and with this charitable view of a schoolboy attitude, he may be forgiven for the mistake often made by the politically unsuccessful,—the mistake of believing that in some mysterious way news of themselves or their cause is being "suppressed".

For our part, we are too appreciative of the value of our ex-Governor as a news-asset to desire his suppression. He and his thirteen fellow-Moosers, now, alas! dwindled to three or four, added to the joy of life here for a brief span, and may yet, as office-holders, with Teddy wearing the emperor's purple, add still more to the day's news and amusement.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR FRANCE

Murmurings from France augur that the next presidential election, which takes place in a few weeks, will be marked by a bitterness and clash of factions such as the Republic has not seen for many years. The presidential term in France is seven years, and Fallieres will go out of office at the end of December, his successor being named to rule during the 1913-1920 period.

The period of the next presidency is, on all sides, regarded as likely to produce more critical days than any yet weathered by the Third Republic, and patriots are calling for a "man," distinct from the mere figureheads who have occupied the Elysee for a generation. Fallieres has been a terrible failure.

The fight for the place is likely to resolve itself into a struggle between five men. Many believe that Leon Bourgeois, the present labor minister, will be the winner. But he is in very bad health. He is a Republican of the moderate type and has been prominent politically ever since the days of Gambetta, in the seventies.

Another member of the present cabinet, Mr. Pams, minister of agriculture, has a large following and would be a good compromise candidate. Jean Dupuy, the Paris newspaper king, has the advantage of a strong press to advocate his claim. He also holds a minor post in the present "ministry of all the talents."

Passing over Briand and Delcasse—neither of whom will stand, on account of their advanced opinions, the one as a bitter Socialist, the other as a strong navy-at-any-price enthusiast—one comes to a hot favorite, M. Poincare, the present prime minister. He would be the "man" that Frenchmen are calling for, but his friends say he intends returning to his big law practice; besides, he considers his present post far more important than that of chief magistrate.

Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber, will in all likelihood be the next president of France. He is only forty-three, handsome, popular, a brilliant politician, and commands the respect of all classes. It is noteworthy that many presidents have been elected from the presidency of the chamber. Brisson, who had been survived would surely have been Fallieres's successor, was Deschanel's predecessor as head of the chamber.

PRaise FOR U. S. SAILORS

High praise for the personnel of the navy has been frequent in the public press of late, and a recent article in the Popular Mechanics magazine dwells on the subject in detail. The writer, after some investigation, declares that no other class of young men under similar conditions shows such self-restraint, orderliness and courtesy as sailors on shore leave.

The transformation from the sail-propelled man-o'-war to the complicated mass of machinery known as the modern battleship is not one bit more pronounced than the improvement which has taken place in the personnel of the men who compose the human working parts of these great machines. Time was when the navy was looked upon by many as a sort of reform school, a last resort to which young man could be sent who were not quite bad enough to put in jail and not good enough to roam at large. Such conditions have fortunately passed away and the American navy today is composed of brains and muscle of the highest order and a personnel of which the country can well be proud.

Uncle Sam's policy in jumping into the Nicaraguan imbroglio and hesitating over Mexican intervention is not satisfactory to the average man's idea of justice or consistency. It appears that the big interests in Mexico prefer to let matters drift into a position where the United States will have to take hold permanently.

Wilson refers to Roosevelt as an "understudy of Providence". Any time Teddy lets even Providence occupy the limelight, he is losing his grip.

Now that the head of the Mormon church has come out for Taft, wise Republican leaders ought to secure equal suffrage for Utah.

History repeats itself. Bryan is again declaring that not a single state will go Republican. Secession in Kaimuki is getting to be an issue instead of an intimation.

International calling-days on the Mexican border are now au fait.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

MAINLAND EXPERT'S VIEWS OF HAWAIIAN FARMING.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir:—During my recent visit to your islands I became intensely interested in the possibilities of your soil and climate, and the geographical location to command the greatest export market for your agricultural products. You have demonstrated what can be done in sugar and pineapples; you have bananas, coffee, tobacco and rice, and ought not to fall behind for want of a market. But, from my point of view, familiar with the growth and upbuilding of vegetable growing and marketing as it is done in Southern California, I am sure your islands will, with intelligent cultivation and handling of the insect question, produce every desirable vegetable in such quantities that the vessels stopping at your harbor will depend upon you for their supply if you will but take care of them systematically. Your Marketing Division has made a wonderful stride in this direction, but the small farmer needs educating. The large plantations ought to be the educators. The little acreage they will lose would be more than offset by greater benefits that must come from diversified farming. The school teacher, if encouraged, will gladly line up with this work.

Your Mr. Sarrett, of the Marketing Division, is a capable teacher. He knows how to grow and how to market. If my experience with seeds, soil and climate can suggest anything of merit it is free for the asking to any one on your islands, as it has been for more than fifteen years to all growers in the southwest.

I have great anticipation for wonderful strides in vegetable-growing on the north coast of Maui in the Kaunapali country, when the ditch is complete, if the small farmer will be allowed to irrigate from the ditch. It is a rich, undeveloped section full of possibilities. With a little water for intelligent irrigation, that section will grow melons of all kinds, sweet potatoes, peanuts, Irish potatoes and corn.

In a previous communication I hinted at the idea of a demonstration farm at the Schofield Barracks. Such a farm would be of incalculable value to the islands and make the barracks a garden of Eden with beauty and profit.

Some of the enclosed pictures of the Los Angeles market may be of interest to some of your readers.

Yours truly,
H. L. MUSSER,
President Aggeler & Musser Seed Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

W. H. HOOBS—I see Kaimuki is furnishing more excitement for an otherwise dull time.

BERTRAM RIVENBURGH—The Democrats have beaten the Republicans as far as opening up headquarters is concerned, and that should be a good augury for the future.

PURSER "TOMMY" McCOMBE in the Nippon Maru—We had a beautiful trip from San Francisco to the islands and we carried the crowd to enjoy it to the fullest extent.

SHERIFF W. P. JARRETT—I'm not in favor of beginning speaking in the present political campaign until about two weeks before election. People get tired of too much spell-binding.

E. S. CUNHA—One way to lessen the cost of living would be to stock the thousands of acres of idle land in Hawaii with burros. Burro steak is a delicacy and once tasted becomes a habit.

A. T. WISDOM—I have just finished issuing postal cards to the various members announcing the reorganization of the Bowling League. The first evening at the Y. M. C. A. at eight o'clock.

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES McDUFFIE—We had a lively chase after the escaped prisoner from the chain gang last night. It looked for a time as if we were to land the man. Better luck next time.

DR. E. L. HUTCHINSON—I found a set of dice on Wilhelm Rise with one of the "bones" bored for loading. It evidently had played its part in making sevens and eights for the doing up of many dupes.

ROAD OVERSEER CALDWELL—In answer to the complaint of William Bush relative to the Makee Island road, let me say that we intend to take some of the waste material from Kalaheua avenue to repair that road.

HARBOR OFFICER CARTER—The waterfront is pretty well cleaned up of indigents and beachcombers. Some of the vessel masters at the port are wondering just what they will do to fill out their crews before leaving for the mainland.

A. E. LARIMER—Students are enrolling every day for the educational classes which start on the evening of October 7. We have a fine group of teachers this year and everything points to the most successful term the association has ever had in this particular department.

PAUL SUPPER—There is no group in the city that the Y. M. C. A. can do more for than the employed boys, represented by the eighty who gathered around the dinner table in Cooke hall last night. These boys have to leave school and go to work, and if the association does not do for them in the way of educational and physical development, no one else will.

PERSONALITIES

R. T. HANNAWAY of Belmont, S. C., has returned to the mainland after a brief visit here.

HARRY TREADWAY of Calgary writes friends that he will visit here next spring with a party of four.

JOHNNY MARTIN is about town again after an illness which has laid him up for the last three weeks following his return from Kauai.

DR. HERBERT L. WILLETT of the University of Chicago is expected to arrive next Thursday on his way to the Orient. He will be given a luncheon at the University Club by the Chicago students and former students here.

MRS. WALTER L. FISHER returned on the Kilauea today from the other islands. Mrs. Fisher made most of the Hawaii trip with the secretary, but instead of taking the tour over Maui, came direct to Honolulu on the Kilauea. The Fisher party will arrive on the Mauna Kea tomorrow.

ROOSEVELT AND THE NEWSPAPERS

When Mr. Roosevelt tells his audience that "I don't mind the newspapers attacking me editorially, but they ought to be compelled to tell the truth in the news pages," the newspapers print it, but every newspaper knows that it is a falsehood.

The World has never known a campaign that was more fairly and generously reported by the newspapers of all parties, Democratic, Republican and Progressive. As for Mr. Roosevelt, he receives more space in the news columns of the newspapers than either President Taft or Governor Wilson, and sometimes he receives more space than both of them combined.

We are surprised that Roosevelt newspapers like the New York Globe, the New York Mail, the Philadelphia North American, the Chicago Tribune and the Kansas City Star remain silent in the face of Mr. Roosevelt's slanders upon their own profession. They know that he is not telling the truth. They know that his charges are a libel upon a vast army of conscientious newspaper workers who are reporting the campaign with the utmost possible accuracy. They know that these charges are being made by Mr. Roosevelt merely in the hope of being able to blackmail the newspapers into giving him still more space, yet they tolerate his shameless mendacity.

Is it possible that Progressive Journalism is so hypnotized by Roosevelt demagogism that it has forgotten even its own self-respect? — New York World.

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